

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2002
MAG Office, Suite 200, Palo Verde Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
*Lauren Brooks, Avondale	Matt Holm, Maricopa County
*James Crean, Buckeye	Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
David de la Torre, Chandler	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
*Shirley Berg, El Mirage	John Kross Queen Creek
Denise Ruhling, Fountain Hills	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Tony Chinyera, Surprise
Kate Langford, Glendale	Mark Elma, Tempe
Janeen Hollomon Goodyear	*Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
*Mary Hoy, Guadalupe	*Dick Gregory, Youngtown
*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	Ann McCracken, Valley Metro

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Romig, McDOT	Anubhav Bagley, MAG
Ray Quay, Phoenix	Mark Roberts, MAG
Amber Wakeman, Tempe	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order
2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2002

Chairman George Pettit asked if there were any comments on the minutes. None were offered. It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Mark Elma and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of March 5, 2002

4. Use of Socioeconomic Data in MAG Transportation Area Studies

Eric Anderson explained that MAG is currently pursuing an initiative to undertake area studies for the Southwest, Northwest and Southeast portions of the region. He added that the consultants that have been contracted to undertake the projects will review and update (for non-official purposes) socioeconomic projections for alternative growth scenarios in the study areas, identify transportation issues to be addressed, identify and evaluate alternatives for major transportation investments, and identify specific roadway, transit and other transportation improvements.

Mr. Anderson said that it would have been his preference to await the adoption of the official MAG socioeconomic projections for use in the transportation studies; however, he noted that the deadlines established for the Long Range Transportation Plan required that the consultants move forward with the best projections that are available.

Prisila Ferreira asked if economic data were available related to ethnicity. Eric Anderson responded that such data were not available. He did point out, however, that the REMI model generates projections by single year of age and by ethnicity.

5. Schedule for Preparation New MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley reported that MAG has scheduled the development of a new set of socioeconomic projections for September 2002. He added that if DES did not have regional control totals available in time for the projections, that MAG would use unofficial control totals that seemed reasonable. Mr. Bagley indicated that the data collection phase of the project had been completed and that the modeling and calibration would be completed by the end of the month.

Harry Wolfe pointed out that there have been delays in the DES process to develop new county socioeconomic projections and that he had tried to impress on DES staff that MAG needed the control totals as soon as possible.

6. Preparation of July 1, 2002 Resident Population Estimates for Maricopa County and MAG Municipalities

Harry Wolfe stated that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) would be developing July 1, 2002 County Resident Population this summer. He mentioned that member agencies should provide MAG staff with residential completions through June 30, 2002 by July 15, 2002 of this year; and encouraged member agencies who were behind in the collection of previous quarters, to provide the data to MAG as soon as possible.

Mr. Wolfe also stated that DES would be sending out a survey to determine population in Group Quarters next month. He asked that MAG POPTAC members identify who within their jurisdiction should receive the survey and forward the information to him by the end of the week. He would then pass the information along to DES.

7. Greater Phoenix 2100 Status Report

Ray Quay, Project Manager for the Greater Phoenix 2100 Project (GP 2100) and deputy planning

director for the City of Phoenix explained the intent of the Greater Phoenix 2100 project. He said that it takes a longer term view of the region, and attempts to provide information to policy makers that will assist them in making informed decisions about the future of the region.

Mr. Quay described four products that would result from GP 2100 as follows:

- a. Dynamic Atlas - a data source that is linked to and integrated with other data sources and is updated on a continuous basis.
- b. Futures Analysis - integrate various models to facilitate evaluating future scenarios
- c. Decision data - provide the kinds of information that is needed by decision-makers to establish policy.
- d. Outreach - educate tomorrow's leaders

Mr. Quay said that GP 2100 was exploring the use of National Science Foundation grants to support the Dynamic Atlas and integration of models. He said that the Atlas would be organized around issues.

8. Census

Harry Wolfe indicated that on May 24, 2002 the Census Bureau would be releasing a Demographic Profile-2, 3 and 4 which includes sample census data at the at the State, County and Place level in Arizona. He indicated that the data could be extracted from the Bureau's website, but that as soon as it was available, he would try to forward it to all MAG POPTAC members.

Harry Wolfe also reported that the Town of Buckeye appealed its Census 2000 population count and had officially been notified by the Census Bureau that its Census 2000 count was amended to include the group quarters population in the Lewis Prison complex which was annexed by Buckeye in December of 1999. He noted that because the Lewis Prison had previously been incorrectly allocated to the unincorporated area of Maricopa County, the increase in Buckeye's population resulted in a corresponding decrease of 1960 people in the unincorporated area of Maricopa County; and that the census population of Maricopa County overall remains the same at 3,072,149.

9. New Developments

Members of the MAG POPTAC provided status reports on new developments in their jurisdiction.

George Pettit said that Gilbert was issuing approximately 300 to 350 permits a month and about 275-300 completions. He said that although growth was supposed to slow down, that it has continued.

Prisila Ferreira said that Peoria had also been experiencing steady growth. She pointed out that one development was expected to result in 60,000 to 65,000 people in the next 20 years.

Denise Ruhling said that building permits in Fountain Hills are down from last year, but custom homes continue to be built.

Mark Elma said that Tempe is built out with respect to single family homes. He said that there are

some developments going forth including the Brickyard, and the first residential development on Town Lake.

Harry Higgins said that said 1000 multifamily units with rents of about \$1,000 a month had been constructed. He said that about 60% of the construction in Scottsdale last year was multifamily units.

Kate Langford said that Glendale is experiencing a slowdown in residential development. She said that there is about 200-300 acres that are vacant for residential. She noted that Glendale is now starting to gear up for more employment; and that Glendale has adopted its 2025 General Plan.

Matt Holm said that there has been no slowdown in growth in the unincorporated area of Maricopa County with most of that growth in the northwest. He also pointed to rapid growth in Anthem.

Tony Chinyere said that Surprise had been growing at a very rapid rate.

David de la Torre said that in Chandler, non-residential development was trying to catch up with residential development.

Tim Tilton said that it was difficult to keep abreast of all the development in Phoenix given 14 separate villages. He said that Phoenix would soon be going to NAD -83 for its GIS system.

Ann McCracken said that RPTA was emphasizing the development of more park and ride facilities.

John Kross said that Queen Creek's General Plan had been approved. He said that the Town experienced a 30 percent growth in single family residences over last year, and expects a 120 percent increase next year. He added that three new grocery stores and two new public schools are being constructed in Queen Creek.

Tom Ellsworth indicated that Mesa continues to experience rapid growth in the eastern portion of the City; that Leisure World has expressed an interest in being annexed; and that the City is considering the location of the football stadium. He also noted that Mesa would be migrating to NAD-83.

10. Next Meeting of MAG POPTAC

Gorge Pettit pointed out that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC would be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.